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The
Trail
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• GREETING •

GREETING from Puck's new management to Puck's old friends! Like greeting to the new friends of Puck! To appear in such dress as shall merit their friendship is Puck's resolution for the new year; a resolution which shall be as firm in July as in January. The new management plans many changes, but all for Puck's betterment. The character of the publication will remain the same. Puck will still be Puck. The Keppler cartoons will continue to appear as an exclusive feature. But in text, illustration, and general excellence the new management promises a policy of progressive improvement, holding fast to that which is good and planning a future Puck which shall excel the best of the past. To keep the old friends; to make and to hold new ones; to weld the old and the new together into a bigger Puck family, with a jolly family reunion every Wednesday—that is our purpose. May we count on YOU?



An Open Letter to Puck's Friends:

PUCK, the oldest humorous weekly newspaper in America, is published to-day under new management. Puck has been in the past a good humorous newspaper. We shall try to make it in the future more humorous and more newsy.

Puck will in time be radically changed from what it is at present. The change will be sudden in some respects, gradual in others. For a beginning, Puck's friends will notice next week an improvement in paper and make-up beyond anything that has been attempted in the past. The improvement in contents will possibly not be as immediate. But in time it will be not only as great, but far greater.

Our aim will be to make Puck a clever periodical for cultured people—not merely to raise a laugh, but to stir the thoughts and hearts of men and women, and keep them in living touch with the great issues and topics of the day. With this aim before us, we will avoid mistaking nonsense for humor, and vulgarity for cleverness. Puck will be a paper, not of pomposness, but of conciseness; not of cynicism, but of hope and good cheer.

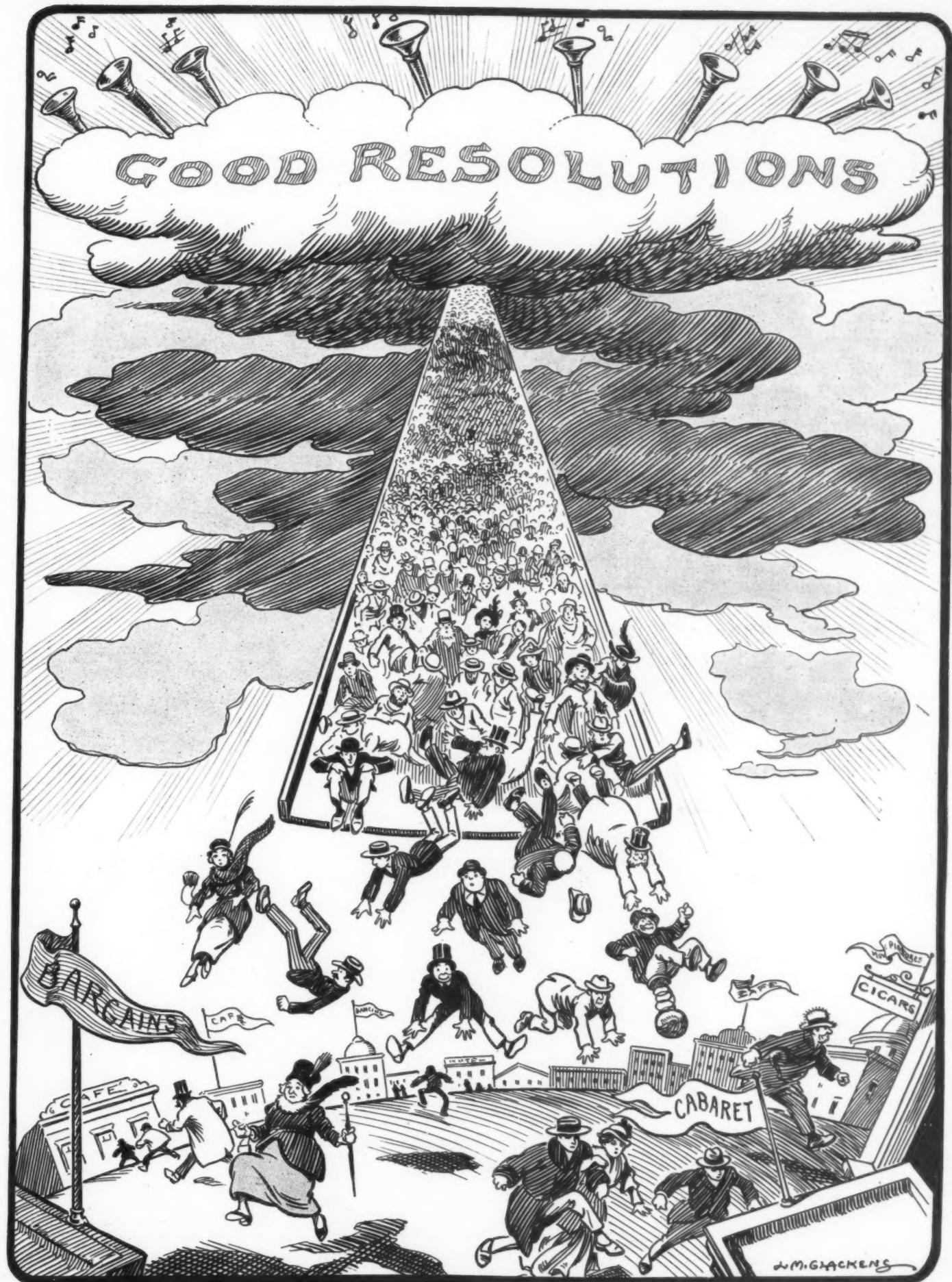
The news and problems of the day will be reflected by the best artists and writers of the entire world. Arrangements are being made for this at present. Not only are the best brains of America being enlisted, but Puck is reaching out to France, Germany, Austria, and England for men who excel in their several lines to lend the power of their pencils and pens to make Puck supreme. Puck does not intend, however, to make boasts, but to make good.

Puck will contain very few advertisements. When Puck is established on its new basis, as we hope to have it by next spring, rules for investigation of advertisers will be so strict that admission to its columns will constitute a certificate of reliability. Not only this, but Puck's advertising rates will be kept high for the express purpose of keeping the volume of advertising low. There will be no wading through quantities of chaff to get at the grist in Puck. Every line will be entertaining and worth while—whether in the news columns, the literary columns, the art columns, or the advertising columns. Puck will be an exclusive paper—all but the best in every field will be rigorously excluded.

A readable, truthful, witty résumé of the news of the world, and a sane, just, hopeful view of the problems of the day—that will be the new Puck. To promote a spirit of good cheer wherever it goes, to promulgate truth, and to foster justice—to be *the* magazine for people of cultured tastes and high ideals—these are the aims to which the new Puck is dedicated.

Do not expect too much of us at first—we must progress slowly, and be careful to maintain all that is best in the old Puck. May we hope for your support in the future as we have had it in the past?

PUCK PUBLISHING CORPORATION.



BACKSLIDING TO EARTH.



TWO VIEWS OF VENUS.

All Off from the Waist Up, and Nearly All Off from the Waist Down.

HIS EXPERIENCE.

SHOE CLERK.—What size rubbers do you wear?

UNCLE JOSH.—I dunno. I guess when you buy rubbers you have to take your choice between ones you can hardly get on at all and ones that'll slip off as soon as you begin to wear 'em.

NOT ENOUGH.

KIND LADY (*to applicant*).—I am sure you would learn to love my children.

NURSE.—What wages do you pay?

KIND LADY.—Fourteen dollars a month.

NURSE.—I am afraid, ma'am, I could only be affectionate with them at that price.

DELIGHTFUL.

MRS. BEECROFT.—Your little boy seems perfectly delighted with the printing-press Santa Claus brought him.

MRS. CHATTERTON (*resignedly*).—Yes, he has discovered he can get dirtier playing with it than with any present he ever had.

"TOO OLD."

EIGHTEEN TO-DAY! Why, it seems to me But a little while ago When I held her, a tot, upon my knee. Ah! how the youngsters grow! And where am I if she's eighteen? For she was a child of eight When twenty summers I had seen, And laughingly said I'd wait

Till she should be old enough to wed. "You'll be much too old for me By that time, sir," she wisely said. But to-day I bend the knee Before this sweet and radiant thing, And implore her to be mine— She shows me Croesus' engagement-ring, And Croesus is sixty-nine!

NO THEMES.

"**I** FOUND a tribe in Africa," said the explorer, "that had absolutely no idea of morality or immorality."

"That's interesting," said the mild lunatic, "but what did they do for plays?"

AN AWFUL THOUGHT.

FIRST ANCIENT MAIDEN.—I have often thought that suppose when a dentist gives you gas he should kiss you. Would n't it be horrible?

SECOND ANCIENT MAIDEN.—Horrible is no name for it! Why, you would n't know anything about it!

A GREAT ADVANTAGE.

OFFICER O'HOGGARTY.—Look at the luck of Mulrooney! Shure, he's been transferred to th' mounted shquad.

FRIEND.—Phwah advantage is that?

OFFICER O'HOGGARTY.—Advantage, is ut? Whin there's trouble, see how much quicker he can git out av th' way than a poor devil on fut!

The sudden end of a severe run of hard luck will do more to make a man an optimist than several years of uninterrupted luxury.

NO MATTER how little we love our neighbor we can see no reason why he should not have kindly feelings to usward.

PUCK

IN SELF-DEFENSE.

“**Q**UITE a little excitement for a few minutes yesterday,” remarked the grocer in the far-western town. “The Muckerses came to town in one direction, and the Tucker boys from another. There’d jest been a row between the two families, and everybody in town knew that when they came together there’d be some purty lively shootin’. Well, sir, in less than fifteen seconds after the first gun was pulled every man on both sides was on the ground with not less than two bullet holes in his frame. An’ there was thirty of ‘em in all.”

“Why, that was remarkable,” exclaimed the tourist. “They must have been magnificent marksmen.”

“Oh! The innocent by-standers did all the shootin’, mister. We don’t take any risks here no more.”

A CONFESSION.

JOHNNY.—Are you very sick, mamma?

MAMMA.—Yes, Johnny. I think I’ll have to go to the doctor’s.

JOHNNY.—Don’t go to our doctor, mamma.

MAMMA.—Why not, Johnny?

JOHNNY.—He does n’t know anything.

MAMMA.—Nonsense! What makes you think so?

JOHNNY.—I know so!

MAMMA.—How do you know?

JOHNNY.—Well, I know. Don’t go to him.

MAMMA.—I certainly shall unless you give me a better reason than that.

JOHNNY.—Please don’t, mamma!

MAMMA.—Indeed, I shall!

JOHNNY.—Well, I know you’ll be angry, mamma, but last winter, when the doctor told

THE SIMPLE TRUTH.

HOW DOETH the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour!
He wastes it gathering sweets which he
Will never help devour.

For, ere the shining hours are fled,
He leaves his honey stored,
The foolish busy bee is dead,
And vandals raid his hoard.

Now (from the standpoint of the bee),
He wasted toil and strife,
By misdirected industry
He missed the sweets of life.

Of course men praise the busy bee,
If they did n’t ‘t would be funny;
For, when he’s stored it, don’t you see,
They get the b. b.’s honey.



ORGANIZED LABOR.

STORK.—Hey! Got a working card?

EAGLE.—What? Who are *you*?

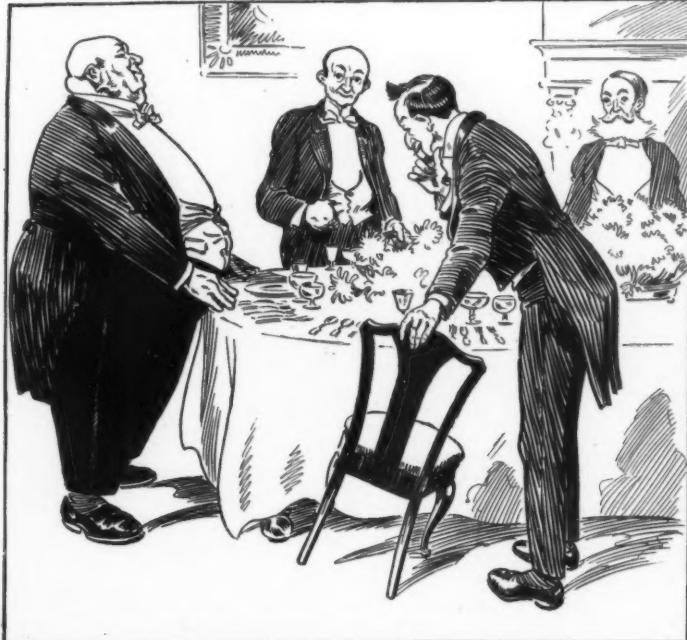
STORK.—Flying delegate of the Kid Carriers’ Union.

you to keep me home from school for a week, there wasn’t anything the matter with me. I know you’ll be angry —

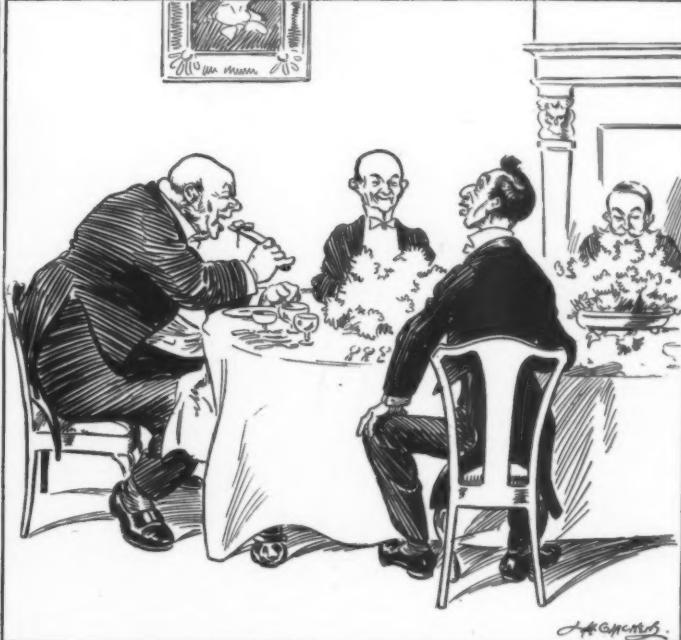
But her reproaches were very mild.

E A WORD to the wise is generally sufficient to get the adviser into a peck of trouble.

WHEN IN ROME DO AS THE ROMANS DO.



NERVOUS GENTLEMAN.—Gracious heavens! I’ll never know which of these knives or spoons to use! I’ll have to watch my host and do as he does.



But his host, being a self-made man, used his knife exclusively from soup to nuts.

HIS WELL-LAID PLAN.

LOOK at this, my dear,” said Mr. Newrich to his wife, displaying a fine case of jewels.

“Oh! You have bought them for me, haven’t you?” she exclaimed. “How sweet of you!”

“No, my love. I have bought them for my grandmother.”

“Your grandmother?”

“Yes, dear.”

“But she is a bed-ridden nonagenarian, and lives away off somewhere in Ireland. She can’t appreciate them.”

“True, dear! And she need never know anything about them.”

“What in the world do you mean?”

“Simply this, dear: It is always advisable to have some heirlooms in a family that makes any social pretensions. These jewels now belong to my grandmother. When our daughter Ethel comes out, in a year or two, she shall have them; and when it is understood that they were once the gems of her great-grandmother just see the antiquity which our family will develop, and all on account of my having a great head.”

And Mr. Newrich threw mental bouquets at himself with supreme lavishness.

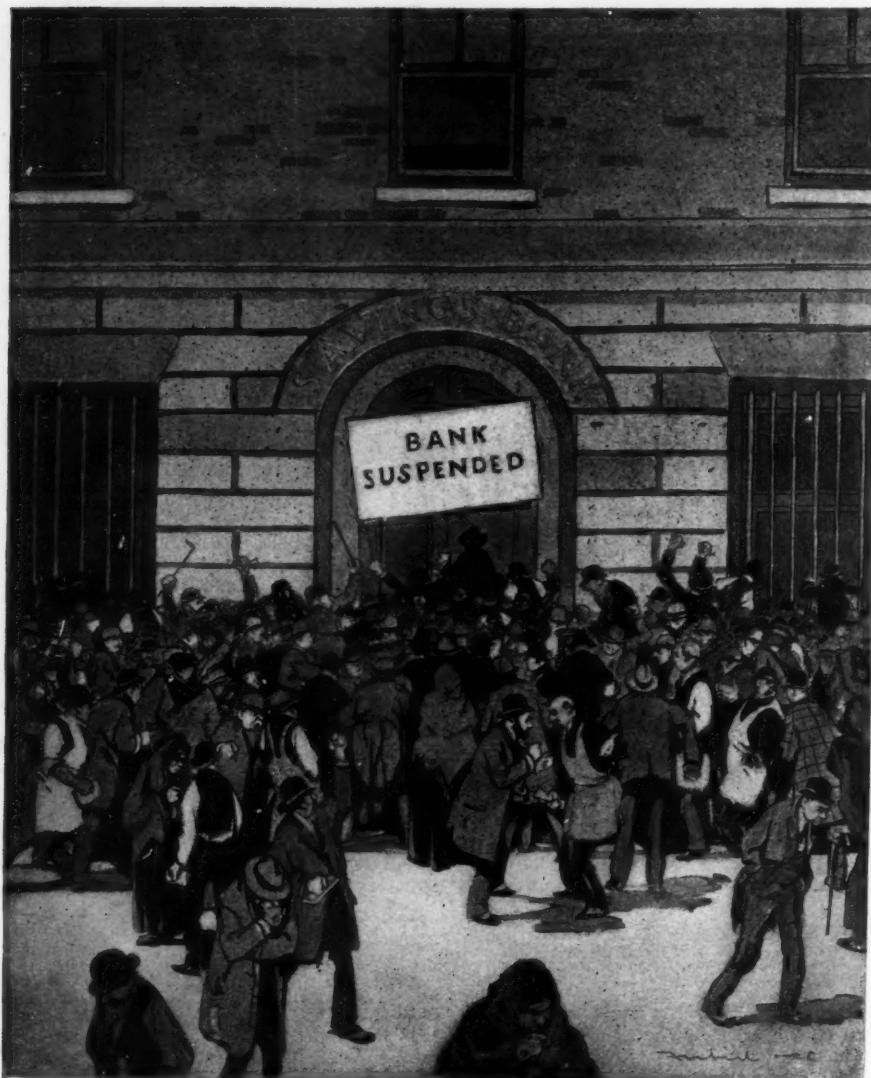
WHERE THE SHOE PINCHED.

THE PRIMA DONNA (*after the first act*).

—I won’t go on again unless that box-party makes less noise! I nearly had hysterics!

THE MANAGER (*in surprise*).—I did n’t hear any noise.

THE PRIMA DONNA.—You did n’t? Why, they encored that upstart of a contralto four times!



"FROM THEM THAT HATH NOT."



AFTER THE OPERA.

HE Opera is over at last,
In the crowd you are coming past.
Papa is adjusting your wrap
On slim shoulders gleaming so whitely.
Oh, privilege treated so lightly,
Insensible, portly old chap!

On hearing my suit, the benighted
Old Nabob was hardly delighted;
Has since failed to ask me to dine.
Your dutiful silence unbroken,
Your eyes, as you passed me, have spoken;
Sweetheart, I know you are mine!

My matè, fairest, truest, and best,
I know you will fly to my nest,—
A seven-room flat, full of love.
We shall come here when you are a Mrs.,
To hear them all sing of our blisses
From two-dollar seats up above.

HE TOOK THE HINT.

JAKE (timidly).—I wish I knew what you'd
do if I should steal a kiss, Miss Linda?
MISS LINDA (coyly).—'T wouldn't take no
great while t' find out, Jake.

Better walk and catch the next train than drop dead of heart-disease trying
to overtake the one that has just started.

THE SENTIMENTAL SONG.

FROM time immemorial the writer of sentimental songs has been wont to ignore such trifling items as the cardinal points of the compass, meridians of longitude, or parallels of latitude, and to embody all his ideas of location in the highly significant words "far away." Sometimes he varies the monotony by saying "far, far away."

In an age of progress and precision this indefinite way of locating things is becoming tiresome, not to say offensive.

At first blush it might seem that "away" is so popular on account of its handiness in riming with such words as "May," "gay," "ray," "pay," "jay," "débris," "téte-à-téte," but when we recollect that the average song-smith rimes "far away" with "ice-wagon" or "grandmother" fully as often as he does with any of the above-named words, this theory becomes untenable. It is painfully evident that this continual use of "far away" is solely the result of habit, and in the interests of reason and consistency it is high time that a halt be called.

That plaintive melody of a bygone generation, "Suwanee River," is a conspicuous example of the silliness of the thing.

Now the "Suwanee River" is a taking tune at a husking-bee in Sheboygan, Me., but people

who actually live near it wish it were "far, far away," as it is merely a malarial creek and of no use to anyone, except fledgling Congressmen, who accumulate much experience in trying to get appropriations through for the opening up of navigation.

There is another ditty before the public with some such refrain as "'Mid the Green Bogs of Virginia (pronounced Fur-chin-ya) Far Away." This may be all very well for the composer on the fourth-floor-back of a Hoboken boarding-house, but that song is sung very extensively by Sunday-school excursionists on the lower Potomac, where the green bogs of Virginia are not too "far away" for the boat to run aground on them quite frequently. Imagine the emotions of the captain as the craft sticks hard and fast in the mud and prepares to spend the evening, and two thousand all-unconscious voices burst forth with "'Mid the Green Bogs of Virginia Far Away"!

There are two ways out of the difficulty. One is to let the geographical location of all places referred to in sentimental songs be precise and exact. For example: "My Old Home in Chuckquahog, Four Miles Due North of Swampoodle, Conn."

Or, if the song writer will cling to his everlasting "far away," let things be so arranged that on no part of this planet would the words become incongruous. For instance: "The Dear Old Mule I Used to Drive on the Canals in Mars So Far Away;" or, "As We Gamboled, Far Away, 'Mid the Mountains of the Moon."

It is safe to say that some years will elapse before these titles will need to be revised.

A DECISIVE BATTLE.

THE GOVERNESS.—Why did the Normans and Saxons fight at Hastings?

LITTLE MISS UPTODATE.—To decide whose descendants should marry American heiresses.

A GENIUS is that man who, when he says a good thing, can make his hearers believe that it was intentional and spontaneous.



AN IMPORTANT POINT.

FIRST LIFE-INSURANCE AGENT.—I think we should hold a national convention. There's one question I should like to see thoroughly discussed.

SECOND LIFE-INSURANCE AGENT.—What is that?

F. L.-I. A.—At what point, in dealing with an obstreperous customer, should moral suasion be abandoned and force begin?

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"What Fools These Mortals Be!"

TWENTY-FOUR thousand Chinese criminals were put to death in one province during 1913. Among China's civic problems, that of "the law's delay" is conspicuously absent.

THE man who stole the Mona Lisa is not, it is said, to be tried. We should hope not. He should be made official press-agent of the Louvre.

DR. ELIOT, president *emeritus* of Harvard, does n't believe in the Garden of Eden; does n't believe that a serpent disrupted the domestic happiness of ADAM and EVE; does n't believe that JOSHUA made the sun stand still; and is decidedly from Missouri on the subject of JONAH and the whale. The doctor's neighbors in Boston will not be shocked at this. So long as he does not question the divine origin of Beacon Street, Commonwealth Avenue, and the Boston Common there will be no charge of heresy.

Orville Wright announces that a fool-proof aeroplane will be perfected by spring. It will not appeal to those who "rock the boat."

PROFESSOR CAMERON, of Harvard, makes a bid for fame with this one: "Man is sweetest when he is angry." Cut out the professor's words and present them to your wife. In return, she may remind you of SHAKSPERE'S pointed lines:

"Men are April when they woo,
December when they wed."

SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY, who knows about such things, says that Chinese is the ideal language. The Chinese do not spell, he explains; they use symbols which convey ideas. Which convey ideas! Oh, if a whole lot of American writers could only be persuaded to use symbols!



WHICH HAND?
THE BOY GUESSED RIGHT THE VERY FIRST TIME.

IN the aviation news is the fact that Miss TREHAWKE DAVIES of Great Britain is the first woman to loop-the-loop in an aeroplane. What a precious legacy to hand down to one's grandchildren! "Your grandma, my dears, was the first lady to turn somersaults in the air."

Rome, that imperial city, is said to be tango mad. In other words, when in Rome, do as the New Yorkers, Londoners, and Parisians do.

FORMER critics of President WILSON and the Administration are now grudgingly admitting that, despite tariff reform and the new Currency Bill, everything will turn out all right "if the 1914 crops are good." How is this? Good crops under a Democratic Administration? We have always been led to believe that the crops and the rain and the sunshine were part of the Republican machine.

SUGGESTION to those who make melodramas, or even picture-plays: A thriller in which the hero lies sick with a dreadful ailment, and the thrice-despicable villain steals the radium which is to cure him.

Paris physicians are announcing that the tango causes wrinkles. Yes; but not necessarily in the face.

NOW they are talking about "movie maniacs." A young man kills a friend "like they did in the movies." How puny and ineffectual seems the old dime novel, which could do no better than to send boys out West "to shoot Indians."

WHETHER or not he reached the North Pole, Doctor COOK knows what the polar atmosphere is like. The arctic winter is a balmy thing compared with the icy blasts of the English vaudeville circuit.

PUCK pays highest cash prices for contributions.
Only those of unusual excellence considered.



On the Way to the Promised Land.

"And thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink."

—EXODUS XVII, 6.



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TO A GOLF BALL.

YOU'RT just the same to outward view
As other spheroids be;
Whate'er their substance or their hue,
The difference I never knew
Till I had toyed with thee.
Then I a macrocosm found
Within thy microcosmic round.

The ups and downs of Alphic height,
Beloved of the bards,
You typify: I scoff, you blight;
But curve in parabolic flight
Thro' several hundred yards;
I unctuously carol, "Fore!"
And tread the turf a conqueror,

What boots the fortune Fate may fling—
A palace or a hut—
If, with a well-considered swing,
To book, thou globule, thee I bring,
And make a twelve-foot putt,
Which subsequently I relate
Was twenty-seven feet, or eight.

Thou battered gutta-percha sphere,
Tho' oft I smote thee sore,
Each honorable scar you bear,
Each mark and mar but serves, I swear,
T' endear thee to me more.
And now thou 'rt acting, in addition,
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THE UNATTAINABLE.

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Of Life's abundant hoard,
T is hard to still our murmurings
That tell the pain of Envy's stings,
Because we cannot have the things
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Because we cannot claim as ours
Our choice of Pleasure's fruits and flowers,
And sit at ease in Leisure's bowers
(Where we'd, indeed, be bored!)
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And arrows in vain vaporings
That we must do without the things
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But though we live to sit with kings,
Or soar aloft on Riches' wings,
There always will be many things
That we cannot afford.

Ah! Ruthless Fate that wills our ways
Spurred on by Hope through dreary days
A flying beacon toward.
What pity Age no knowledge brings
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HERE AND THERE IN STAGELAND.



SKETCHES FROM HIGH JINKS AT THE LYRIC THEATRE.



IN HIS LABORATORY.

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Det man shud wuk when snow win's blew
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So, be-be! Ab'll sit by de chimley arch
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Matilda's tub-steam fill de room
Until de aih am hazy;
She sweep en brush me wid de broom
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MORAL.—From this we should learn that there is indeed such a Thing as paying a great deal more than the Market Price for your Whistle.

THE things that go without saying must have escaped feminine attention.

ANY man can paddle his own canoe when his father buys it for him and then hires a guide to teach him how to paddle.



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"Oh, it serves its purpose."
"In what way, I should like to know?"
"For one thing, if there were no such class I'm afraid I'd have to go out of the law business right away, and I don't know of anything else that I could make a living at."
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"Oh, Larry," whispered the wife, "don't do anything rash!"

"Rash!" replied the husband. "Why, I'm going to help him. You don't suppose he can move that piano from the house without assistance, do you?" — *Ladies' Home Journal*.



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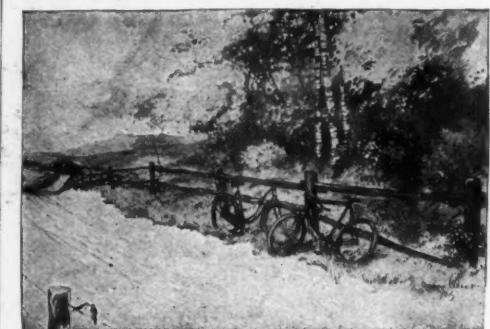
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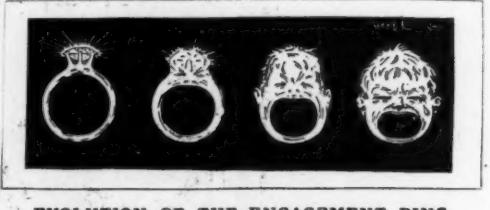
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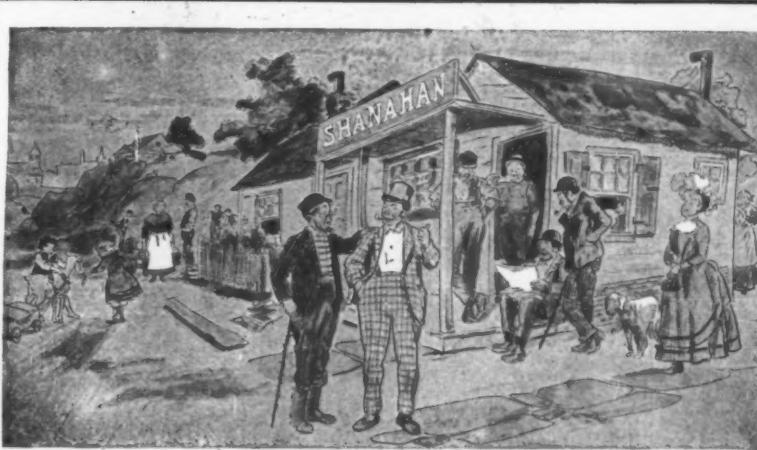


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